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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. WE VALUE HIGHLY GOU AND BLANCO'S POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEMISPHERIC DIALOGUE. GOU CONCERN OVER ALL TOO REAL IMPACT OF PETROLEUM PRICE RISE IS ANOTHER INSTANCE OF A RESPONSIBLE URUGUAYAN INITIATIVE. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE OAS HAS BEEN ASKED BY URUGUAYANS TO INSCRIBE AGENDA ITEM RELATING TO SITUATION OF COUNTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY RISE IN THE "PRICES OF CERTAIN RAW MATERIALS," ON DRAFT AGENDA OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YOU MAY INFORM BLANCO U.S. WILL DISCREETLY BUT PUBLICLY SUPPORT INSCRIPTION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM AND WILL COORDINATE INFORMALLY WITH URUGUAYAN DELEGATION SINCE WE ARE AWARE OF
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2. RE FMS CREDITS FOR URUGUAY CONGRESS HAS NOT YET APPROPRIATED REQUIRED FY 75 MONEY FOR FMS CREDIT. UNTIL MONIES APPROPRIATED, NO COMMITMENT CAN BE MADE TO GOU THAT \$8 MILLION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FY 1975 FOR PURCHASE 8 A-378 AIRCRAFT AND TRI-SERVICE NEEDS. ARA IS COMPETING WITH STRONG CLAIMS FOR FMS CREDITS FOR REQUIREMENTS IN ETHIOPIA AND CAMBODIA. WHILE BUREAU HAS NO A PRIORI CLAIM ON UNOBLIGATED FMS CREDITS (20.5 FOR CHILE AND 12.5 FOR ECUADOR TALLING 33.0 AVAILABLE FOR WORLD-WIDE DISTRIBUTION), WE ARE MAKING STRONG ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS FOR URUGUAY (ALSO GUATEMALA, BOLIVIA AND BRAZIL). ARA FORWARDING A MEMO TO UNDER SECRETARY MAW SETTING THE BUREAU POSITION FORTH AND REQUESTING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OUR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS. IN VIEW OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY REGARDING CREDITS, IT IS ADVISABLE NOT TO NOTIFY THE GOU AT THIS TIME OF OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FMS CREDIT SHOULD OUR EFFORTS FALL SHORT OF 8 MILLION. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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